

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 – 10, 12 – 19, 23 – 27, 30 – 33, and 50 – 51 are pending. Claims 34 – 49 are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 2, 11, 20 – 22, 28 and 29 have been canceled. Claims 3 – 10, 12 – 15, 17 – 19, 23 – 27, 30 and 31 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 1, 16, 32, 33, 50 and 51 have been finally rejected.

Finally rejected claims 1, 16, 32, 33, 50 and 51 have been canceled. Withdrawn claims 34 – 49 have been canceled.

Claims 3 – 10, 12 – 15, 17 – 19, 23 – 27, 30 and 31 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 3 – 10, 12 – 15, 17 – 19, 23 – 27, 30 and 31 have been amended to include all the limitations from claim 1 and any intervening claims. Claims 3 – 10, 12 – 15, 17 – 19, 23 – 27, 30 and 31 are now considered to be in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly requested.

An RCE is included with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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